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town. One of your committee saw a sheep with one of its horns torn out of the socket, stated by the populace to have been beaten or wrested out by the driver. The practice of cutting the heel-tendons of sheep before they enter the town, in order that the drivers may have less trouble with them in passing through the streets (a practice, the alleged necessity for which would be removed by the employing of a larger number of drivers) is, your committee have reason to believe, by no means uncommon. Such things, call, as they conceive, for the animadversion of those who are desirous to lessen the sufferings of brute animals; and, in their present uncertainty of the disposition of the laws as to such practices, your committee do strongly recommend it to the individuals of the society, to shew their disapprobation of those who perpetrate or authorize them, by withholding from them their support in the way of trade. The other part of their plan, viz. the diffusion of such a spirit as should be incompatible with the spirit of cruelty to animals, might be effected by publishing, in a cheap form, books inculcating principles of gentleness towards the brute part of the creation. In this mode, they conceive that great good might be done, especially by the influence produced on the minds of the young. It appears especially desirable that whilst you set forth to the public a definition of your objects, you should also give some pledge as to the spirit of your future proceedings. They would propose, therefore, that you should, from the very beginning, disclaim all those mean and deceptive arts, by which men often gain intelligence; all encouragement to eaves droppers, to creeping enquirers, to men who wear the semblance of friendship in order that they may the more effectually betray.

They propose also, that, in animadverting on the abuse which may be brought to light around you, you should not confine your remarks to the poor. The duty to be tender to the inferior creatures, they hold to be obligatory on men of every rank; and a rich man, who wantonly abuses his power over a brute animal, ought, they conceive, the more especially to be an object of censure, because his example may operate the more largely as a supposed warrant. In your individual capacities, they would recommend to you, that you should expel the spirit of cruelty altogether from your own houses; that you should allow none of those practices to exist within the range of your influence, by which brute animals are made to suffer pain, either for the mere amusement of men, or for the gratification of a pampered luxury. Lastly, they recommend it to you, both individually and collectively, that in pursuing the objects of your association, you should display the greatest steadiness and calmness; especially that you should in every instance, be on the surest grounds convinced of the existence of an evil, before you prefer a complaint. There is such a thing as intemperance in benevolence, and the virtue may be degraded in the public estimation, and rendered fruitless in its efforts, by a union with precipitancy of judgment. Whilst the hope that the members of this society will keep themselves alive to the objects of the association, and omit no rational or manly mode of promoting those objects, they also express the hope that no plan may be adopted which may carry with it a frittering of exertion, and which may justly subject the society to any portion of that reproach which many may, at the first hearing, be disposed to affix to it, the reproach of being frivolous and vexatious.

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#### DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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##### IRISH.

###### ULSTER.

*Marriages*... Mr. J. McGrath to Miss M'Dowel, both of Lishurn.

Mr. F. Brande, commander of the brig Neptune of New York, to Miss Blackwood of Belfast.

Hill S. Stott, esq. of Dromore, to Miss

E. Magennis, daughter of the late D. Magennis, esq. of Annesva.

Mr. W. Gamble, to Miss Reid of Belfast.

Mr. Dailey of Armagh, to Miss Barr of Ballycastle.

The Rev. James Strange Rutson, so:

the Bishop of Clonfert, to Miss Hesty Sinclair, daughter of the late W. Sinclair, esq.

Mr. J. Thompson of Londonderry, to Miss Kinkead.

*Deaths.*... Mr. J. Maine, of Belfast.

Mrs. J. Morris, wife of W. Morris, esq. of the Derry militia.

Mr. J. Cochran of Armagh.

Miss E. Campbell of Armagh.

Mr. W. Dinsmore of Murrow, county Donegal.

At Magherafelt, Mrs. E. Ashe, aged 75 widow of the late Rev. T. Ashe.

Mr. Herman Verdenhalum of Londonderry.

At Kilmore, on Friday the 15th instant in the 20th year of his age, Richard Kennedy, M.D. son of the Rev. Thomas Kennedy of that place. Amidst the numbers who attended the funeral, there were few who seemed not more than usually affected. This solemn, this awful procession which speaks to man, telling him in the most impressive language, the vanity of all human pursuits, custom has made a ceremony almost unconnected with one melancholy thought, in the minds of the heedless multitude; they laugh, they talk, and convey with a slow pace, the only semblance of grief, to the silent tomb the remains of those whose hands were never extended to distress but to mitigate the pangs of the sufferer, whose eloquence was never exerted but in behalf of injured virtue, or to confer benefits on their fellow citizens, and whose rectitude of principle made the vicious ashamed in their presence, and respect virtue though they would not imitate their acts.

At the funeral of Mr. Richard Kennedy, people seemed to feel that awful sensation, which often strikes the most thoughtless, when they behold a young person conveyed to the dark and silent tomb. Cut off in early youth, while pleasure dances before, and the virtues alone appear, hope paints the picture of future days in the most fascinating colours, but death with an indiscriminating hand sweeps over the canvas, and leaves a space for other painters and for another subject.

In order to prepare himself for the profession of physic, he studied with ardour in Dublin, Edinburgh, and London, the usual departments of science, and in the Academic halls imbibed that taste for knowledge which led him over the mountain wilds of Scotland, Wales, and Ireland.

His knowledge of chemistry, mineralogy, and Botany was extensive, and had the shaft of death spared him a few years, his country, and his friends might have

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been pleased with hearing of his extending fame, for truly may it be said that in him science has lost a sincere votary, and one well calculated to illustrate the natural history of Ireland, a country so long neglected, and so peculiarly interesting to all who study the productions of nature.

As a son, he displayed that attachment to his parents which impressed upon the mind of the observer, the idea of a peculiar amiability of disposition, a reverence for their opinions, was his constant guide.

Such was this young man, whom the hand of death has snatched from us, and were the feelings of a friend to whom the veil of modesty was lifted, allowed to float on the full tide of panegyric, much more might be said in praise of this virtuous and enlightened character.

"Deep is the sleep of the dead; how their pillow of dust. No more shall he hear thy voice; no more awake at thy call. When shall it be morn in the grave, to bid the slumberer awake."

LEINSTER.

*Marriages.*... T. Armstrong, esq. of Atavilla, Queen's county, to Miss Cornelius, daughter of Henry Cornelius, esq.

Mr. E. Smith, to Miss E. Tracy, both of Dublin.

Thomas Taylor, esq. of Dublin castle, to Miss Rebecca Rogers, daughter of the Rev. William Rogers, late of St. Paul's, Dublin.

Z. D. Williams, esq. to Miss Mary Gihon, of Stallord street, Dublin.

Mr. James Costigan, of South Great George's-street, Dublin, to Miss Smyth of North King-street.

At Gallen, King's co. John Matthews Jessop, esq. to Miss Horn of Gallen.

*Deaths.*... Rev. Richard Joier, of St. Patrick's chapel house, Dublin.

Miss Eliza Hodgson of Buckingham-street.

Mrs. Willis, of Trinity-street, aged 63.

Mrs. Hay, wife of David Hay, esq. deputy barrack-master, Dublin.

At North Cumberland-street, Mrs. Anne Ford; widow of Roger Ford, esq.

At Kilkenny, Mrs. Barton, widow of the late John Barton, esq.

Mrs. Mccum, aged 83, mother to Mrs. Lord, Capel-street.

At Leeson-street, Joseph Cooke, esq.

MUNSTER.

*Marriages.*... Jacob Mark, esq. of Cork, to Miss Eliza Godfrey, daughter of Sir William Godfrey, of Bushfield, county Kerry.

James Fitzgerald Massey, esq. jun. to Miss Dunscombe, of Limerick.

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